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April 22, 2004

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 31, 2004, and to provoke two interferences – one with Stevens et al. U.S. patent application no. 10/289,122, and one with Tau et al. U.S. patent application no. 10/289,168 – please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [X] an Amendment and Reply to Office Action with Appendix A; [X] Request for Interference with Stevens et al. Application (No. 10/289,122) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604; [X] Request for Interference with Tau et al. Application (No. 10/289,168) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604; [X] Declaration of Professor Rufina G. Alamo with Exhibits 1-10; [X] Declaration of Srivatsan Srinivas, Ph.D. with Exhibit 1; to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

[] A fee for additional claims is required.

The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	17	-	31*	= 0 X \$ 18 = \$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	-	3**	= 0 X \$ 86 = \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+ \$290 = \$ 0.00

* If less than 20, insert 20.
** If less than 3, insert 3.

TOTAL \$ 0.00

- A check in the amount of \$____ in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- Please charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the filing fee. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

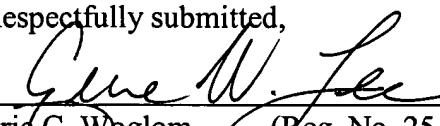
EXTENSION FEE

- The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [] \$110.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$420.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$950.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,480.00 extension fee for response within fourth month

pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); \$2,010.00 within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

- [] A check in the amount of [] \$110.00; [] \$420.00; [] \$950.00; [] \$1,480.00; [] \$2,010.00 in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- [] Please charge the [] \$110.00; [] \$420.00; [] \$950.00; [] \$1,480.00; [] \$2,010.00; extension fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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